

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1 line 5 with the following
amended paragraph:

A The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[_]]
09/597,978, filed June 20, 2000, entitled "Method And Apparatus For Traversing And
Placing Cells In A Placement Tool", and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08,7898,026,
filed January 27, 1997, entitled "Method And Apparatus For Selecting Components
Within A Circuit Design Database", both of which are assigned to the assignee of the
present invention and both of which are incorporated herein by reference.
